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Town Officers for the Year 1904.

TOWN CLERK,

HENRY A. WHITNEY.

TREASURER,

L. FRANCIS THAYER.

SELECTMEN,

CARROLL E. WHITE, ALANSON FREEMAN,
MICHAEL F. RYAN.

ASSESSORS,

ORVILLE C. RHODES, CARROLL E. WHITE,
GILBERT H. DRAKE.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

FRED A. SHERBURN,.....Term expires March 1, 1905
HENRY W. PICKERING, ...Term expires March 1, 1906
OTTO L. BULLARD,.....Term expires March 1, 1907

ROAD COMMISSIONERS,

FRED M. RHODES,.....Term expires March 1, 1905
MAURICE J. CONNOLLY, ...Term expires March 1, 1906
PROCTOR P. COOK,.....Term expires March 1, 1907

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

CLARENCE A. CROOKS,.....Term expires March 1, 1905
JAMES O. RICHARDSON, ...Term expires March 1, 1906
HORACE A. BROWN,.....Term expires March 1, 1907

AUDITOR,

DR. N. W. SANBORN.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

CLARENCE A. CROOKS.

FENCE VIEWERS,

MAURICE J. CONNOLLY, FRED M. RHODES,
PROCTOR P. COOK.

CONSTABLES.

GILBERT H. DRAKE, EDWIN M. BENNETT,
WALTER H. THAYER, FRED M. RHODES.

TREE WARDEN,

HENRY A. WHITNEY.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE,

ORVILLE C. RHODES, ... Term expires March 1, 1905
OTTO L. BULLARD, ... Term expires March 1, 1906
HENRY A. WHITNEY, ... Term expires March 1, 1907

LIBRARY TRUSTEES,

MRS. OLIVE COOK, ... Term expires March 1, 1905
HENRY A. WHITNEY, ... Term expires March 1, 1905
WESLEY E. HOWES, ... Term expires March 1, 1906
MRS. MAY L. WRIGHT, ... Term expires March 1, 1906
MRS. ALICE A. BURR ..... Term expires March 1, 1907
MISS SARAH T. ROCKWOOD, . Term expires March 1, 1907

Appointments for the Year 1904.

FIELD DRIVERS.

MAURICE J. CONNOLLY, JOHN N. RHODES,
JOHN H. WEBBER.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES,

HENRY A. WHITNEY.

FOREST FIRE WARDS,

L. FRANCIS THAYFR, JOHN N. RHODES,
EDWIN MIGNEAULT. S. FRED METCALF,
GEORGE C. McMASTERS.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER,

CHARLES F. CROOKS, JUDSON E. CAMP,
ELBRIDGE A. RHODES, L. FRANCIS THAYER,
ELBRIDGE GRANT.

PUBLIC WEIGHERS,

LUMAN R. CAMP, EDWARD E. ROCKWOOD,
JUDSON E. CAMP.

BURIAL AGENT,

HENRY A. WHITNEY.

POLICE,

WILLIE LEVESQUE, JAMES O. RICHARDSON,
HIRAM E. CROOKS, TIMOTHY FOLEY.

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND PROVISIONS,

CARROLL E. WHITE.

SEXTONS,

S. FRED METCALF, HENRY A. WHITNEY,
ORVILLE C. RHODES, HENRY W. PICKERING.

LIST OF JURORS

As revised by the Selectmen of Bellingham, to be acted upon at at the Annual Meeting, March 6, 1905.

Clarence A. Crooks	Farmer
Arthur A. Woodbury	Machinist
Alonzo A. Whitney	Laborer
Walter E. Cook	Teamster
James H. Smith	Mill Operator
Clinton O. Whitney	Store Keeper
Albert A. Aldrich	Farmer
Charles J. Nugent	Sawyer
S. Fred Metcalf	Janitor
Charles S. Carter	Farmer
John H. Webber	Teamster
John J. Gerstle	Laborer
Willie F. Wales	Laborer
William H. Fitzpatrick	Mill Operator
Patrick O' Neil	Farmer
John Shannon	Farmer

CARROLL E. WHITE,
ALANSON FREEMAN,
MICHAEL F. RYAN,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

Town Clerk's Report.

JURORS DRAWN FOR THE YEAR 1904.

Grand Juror for the year, George P. Wright.

April term, Waldo F. White.
September term, Henry A. Whitney.
October term, Nathaniel W. Pickering.
January term, 1905, John O'Keefe.

VITAL STATISTICS.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1904.

DATE	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	MARRIED BY
Jan. 6,	Howard Bowlby,	Nova Scotia,	Rev. R. B. Moody,
	Lottie Taylor,	Bellingham,	of Franklin.
Aug. 6,	Charles E. Felton,	Milford,	Rev. C. Hutchinson,
	Edith Amanda Maxcy,	No. Bellingham,	of Roxbury.
Oct. 3,	Joseph Provost,	Caryville,	Rev. D. J. Kelleher,
	Rose Alma Dufresne,	Franklin	of Medway.
Oct. 30,	William A. Joslin,	Caryville,	Rev. D. J. Kelleher,
	Marie L. C. St. Martin,	Caryville,	of Medway.
Nov. 17,	William Balkcom Lee,	So. Bellingham,	Rev. Eben Terrill,
	Florence L. French,	Plymouth,	of Plymouth.
Dec. 25,	Herbert A. Barber,	Bellingham,	Rev. R. Drawbridge,
	Harriet Allen Willard,	Bellingham,	of Medway.
Dec. 25,	Elmer A. Hill,	Milford,	Rev. D. J. Kelleher,
	Margaret A. Fitzpatrick,	No. Bellingham,	of Medway.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1904.

DATE.	NAMES.	PARENTS' NAMES.
Jan. 22,	Charlotte Maria Rhodes,	Fred M. and Lottie F. (Clark).
24,	Lawrence Garfield Algers,	Garfield and Irene (Sullivan).

Feb.		
10,	Mary Nancy Despeau,	Irving W. and (Mary Davenport).
Mar.		
18,	Martin Emmett Kane,	James and Annie (Dunn).
21,	Joseph Connolly,	Daniel and Annie (McGarrity).
21,	Tony Frazier,	Joseph and Mary ( ).
24,	Mildred Constance Evans,	John and Lydia (Daggett).
Apr.		
26,	Grace Helen Kelleher,	William and Catherine F. (Naughton).
30,	Mary Margaret McGlynn,	Michael J. and Catherine M. (Murray)
May		
7,	Amelia Romelia Rivets,	Zeon and Matilda (Lawrence).
8,	John Norman Crayton,	James and Ellen M. (Grindrod).
9,	Eloise Adeline Rhodes,	Elbridge A. and Cora A. (Warfield).
16,	Frank Irving Burgess,	Christopher G. and Cora L. (Martin).
26,	John Ernest O'Rourke,	John E. and Mary T. (Heffernan).
June		
23,	Eveline Georgia Bernier,	Victor and Margaret J. (Kindedan).
26,	Mary Clara Byron,	Phillip and Minnie (Higgins).
26,	Helen Beatrice Byron,	" " " "
July		
26,	Emilie Varieur,	Antonia and Emelie (Demcontel).
Aug.		
11,	Mary Theresa White,	Martin M. and Emily T. (White).
13,	Mary Lina Heffernan,	Thomas and Mary (Dore).
20,	Bernice Susan Lyman,	Alfred F. and Annie B. (Cobb).
29,	Helen Viola Burke,	John and Grace (St. George).
Sept.		
11,	Alexander Leroy Moore,	Alvin F. and. and Myra L. (Gerstle).
11,	Marie Beatrice Heroux,	Arthur and Clara (Courchene).
11,	Mildred Louise Mowry,	Albert G. and Minerva J. (Cook).
18,	Charles Isador Brown,	Charles H. and Almira (Comie).
19,	Charles William Fitzpatrick,	William and Mary E. (Gaffany).
Oct.		
4,	Frederick Pleau,	Nelson and Mary (Snay).
13,	Emma Rosanna Bennett,	Thomas and Mary A. (Derocher).
17,	John Francis Foley,	Timothy C. and Hannah (Deniha).
Dec.		
5,	James Stockton,	James and Elizabeth (Addison).
8	George Raymond Desmond,	Patrick and Johannah (Kennedy).
15,	Georgianna Raym'd Desmond	Angelo and Clara C. (Denogelle).
20,	John Francis Murphy,	J. Francis and Nora (Francis).
20,	Edwin Fitzpatrick,	Maurice and Esther (Shay).

DEATHS REGISTERED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1904.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE. Y.	M.	D.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
Jan.					
2.	Marcus Durfey Crooks,	73	2	15	Cerebral Softening.
9.	Ida Rosanna Paul	0	7	0	Diarrhœa.
12.	Rachel J. Baker,	65	4	19	Spinal Meningitis.
28,	Michael Farrell,	72	0	0	Shock by falling on ice
Feb.					
7,	James Monroe Sherman,	67	2	9	Bright's Disease.
16,	Lucinda V. Clark,	91	8	27	Old Age.
20,	Horace J. Shippee,	83	10	4	Bronchitis.
Mar.					
9,	Merrick P. Thayer,	74	6	9	Heart Disease.
April					
9,	Edward Bates Metcalf,	42	9	8	Accidental Injuries.
17,	Grace T. Fitzpatrick,	4	1	2	Laryngismus Striderlus
May					
7,	Emily M. Briggs,	54	5	2	Apoplexy.
June					
27,	Sarah A. Marble,	55	3	6	Heart Disease.
July					
3,	Ariel Ballou Drake,	69	9	18	Phthisic Pulmonalis.
Aug.					
2,	Emelia Varieur,	0	0	7	Diarrhœa.
5,	Helen Viola Burk,	0	0	7	Premature Birth.
Sept.					
28,	Marie Beatrice T. Heroux,	0	0	17	Cholera Infantum.
Oct.					
7,	Ellis Thayer Norcross,	81	6	13	Old Age.
Nov.					
14,	Timothy Foley,	31	0	0	Pulmonary tuberculosis

HENRY A. WHITNEY,

Town Clerk.

Memorial Day.

Memorial exercises were held at Bellingham Centre, Sunday, May 29, 1904, by Post 60, G. A. R., of Franklin, accompanied by the Sons of Veterans and Woman's Relief Corps. The exercises were as follows: Prayer by the Post Chaplain, singing by the Baptist choir, reading by Miss E. Gertrude Rockwood, an address by Mr. Neily of Newton Seminary, followed by the decoration of the Soldiers' graves. The exercises closed by singing America.

The exercises were held at North Bellingham, Sunday, May 29, 1904, by the West Medway Post, Sons of Veterans and the Woman's Relief Corps. The exercises opened with prayer by the Post Chaplain, followed by an address by Rev. Daniel J. Keleher of the Medway and No. Bellingham churches, singing by a quartette from West Medway, and decoration of the Soldiers' graves, by the Post.

The services at Rakeville cemetery were in charge of Henry W. Pickering, a member of the Woonsocket Post, and appropriate exercises were carried out by members of the Post.

HORACE J. SHIPPEE.

He was born in Foster, R. I., April 16, 1820. In 1861 the President was calling for volunteers to suppress the rebellion and Mr. Shippee enlisted in Co. K, 7th R. I. Vol. for three years and served his enlistment. He lived iu this town with his daughter, about two years, when he was stricken with bronchitis, and died February 20, 1904, aged 83 years, 10 months and 4 days. His remains were taken to Foster, R. I., for interment.

ARIEL BALLOU DRAKE.

Was born in Easton, Mass., September 15, 1834, and came to live in Bellingham when a young man. On the 30th of July,

1862, he enlisted in Co. C, 34th Reg. Mass. Vol, Infantry, for three years, or the war. During his service he took part in quite a number of engagements, among them being Lynchburg, Winchester, Strasburg, Petersburg, Appomatox Court House, and many others in the list, and was discharged at Richmond, Va. on June 16, 1865, by order of the War Department. The following year he married Miss McCallum of Medway and lived at the North Village most of the time since. The last few years his health has not been of the best and he died July 3, 1904. His remains were buried in Oak Hill cemetery, No. Bellingham.

BENJAMIN KNIGHT BENNETT.

He was not a long resident of our town but near by in the village of Unionville (Franklin). Mr. Bennett was making a visit in Pawtucket at Christmas time and not feeling very well he came to his daughter's in this town where his illness developed into pneumonia and he died January 5, 1905, aged 74 years, 7 months and 18 days. Mr. Bennett was born in Smithfield, R. I. Enlisted from Milford, July, 1862 in Co. B, 22d Mass. Vol. Inf. and was discharged in June, 1865, having served 35 months. Interment was in North Smithfield, R. I.

JAMES W. PICKERING.

He had been a resident of Auburn, R. I. for a great many years, and died there late in the fall of 1904. He was born in Mendon and came to Bellingham when a young man. We mention his death here for the reason that he was the first man that enlisted for the Town of Bellingham on the call of the President for volunteers. He enlisted in Co. F, 18th Regiment Mass. Vol. Inf., which was a Wrentham Company.

SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL EXERCISES BY THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF BELLINGHAM,

FRIDAY, MAY 27, 1904, AT TOWN HALL AT 2 P. M.

March to Soldiers' Monument.

Declamation.....“Lincoln's Gettysburg Address”
Michael Dwyer.

Salute to the Flag.
March to the Town Hall.

Song ..... "American Hymn"
Prayer.
Rev. J. Munroe Rockwood.
Exercise ..... "The Red, White and Blue"
John Allen, Francis Metcalf, Carlos Bigwood.
Song ..... "Decoration Day"
South Schools.
Recitation ..... "Our Flag"
Madge Crayton.
Recitation .....
Ralph King.
Song ..... "The Flag"
Miss Howe's Class.
Recitation ..... "Flag of the Rainbow"
Ruth Wales.
Recitation ..... "A Georgia Volunteer"
Mary Hamlin.
Song ..... "Star Spangled Banner"
Address,
Rev. Dr. Frank E. Warfield.
Exercise,
Madeline Kelly, Frances Kelly, Florence Allen.
Song ..... "Our Army and Navy"
Chorus of Girls from North Schools.
Recitation ..... "The Rising of '76"
Grace Hoyt.
Song ..... "America"
Schools and Audience.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Received from the Town $50 00

Balance from last year	34	
		$50 34

EXPENSES.

Paid Franklin Post	$10 00	
West Medway Post	10 00	
Woonsocket Post	5 00	
Flowers and Filling Urns at Monument and care of same	5 00	
Transportation of scholars	11 75	
Printing of school programmes	1 75	
Labor	2 00	
Music for the schools	2 50	
Paid Mary Billings for sheet music	80	
		$48 80
Balance in Committee's hands		$1 54

JAMES O. RICHARDSON,
for the Committee.

Selectmen's Report.

The Selectmen present the following report:

STATE ROADS.

Early in the year we petitioned for an allotment for a State road. We received notice from the Highway Commission of an allotment of $7,000.00 to finish the road to the Rhode Island line, part of which is in Blackstone, also on road from four corners to the center. Owing to Blackstone not being able to secure releases from abutters this has not been built. We understand that an effort is being made to change the plan so that it will not not require the land in question, and we expect the road will be put through the coming year. The Highway Commission wished to let the road in Franklin and Bellingham in one contract and waited until fall to do so. At our urgent request the State Highway Commission let the contract in this town alone, and work will be commenced early in the Spring. We have petitioned for another allotment for this year and, while we have not yet had a definite answer we have good reasons to believe it may be granted and have inserted an article in the Town Warrant to push the matter along.

STREET RAILWAY.

The M. A. & W. W. Street Railway Company changed the fare zone last Spring and the fare is now 5 cents from Crooks' Corner to the Main street switch.

TELEPHONE COMPANY.

A permit has been granted to the Providence Telephone Co. to erect poles, etc. from Crooks' Corner to Lake street and from Crooks' Corner to Chestnut street and the line is now in service.

SIDEWALKS.

In order to finish the sidewalks from North Bellingham

to Caryville there will have to be more money raised and we recommend that this be done as there undoubtedly is more travel by foot between said villages than any other part of the town.

TOWN WELL.

The appropriation of $175.00 with the gift of $20.00 from the Wentworth fund given to towns to establish drinking fountains on condition that "Blessed Are the Merciful" be inscribed on them, would have been sufficient to cover expenses had it not been for a leak in the pipe which was very hard to locate, hence the reason why the appropriation is exceeded.

VACANT SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

We have sold the Chilson Hill and Caryville school building for which we have received the sum $185.50.

TOWN ROADS.

There is a strong desire in most towns to each year make some permanent improvement on the roads and we are in hopes that that arrangements can be made this year to do this. We can get a steam roller for the asking from the State. We suggest that the citizens give the matter due consideration.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Town Officers.

Appropriation	$600 00	
From Emergency Fund	31 22	
		$631 22
Paid Overseers of the Poor to Mar. 1, 1904.		
O. L. Bullard	$50 00	
F. A. Sherburne	15 00	
H. W. Pickering	15 00	
School Committee to Mar. 1, 1904		
Horace A. Brown	10 00	
James O. Richardson	10 00	
Clarence A. Crooks	10 00	

Selectmen and Registrars to Mar 1, '04		
Henry A. Whitney	35 00	
Warren E. Fairbanks	25 00	
Alanson Freeman	25 00	
Assessors for 1904		
O. C. Rhodes	67 50	
C. E. White	55 00	
G. H. Drake	37 50	
Treasurer to March 1, 1904		
L. Francis Thayer	50 00	
Moderator Town Meeting Mar. 1, '04.		
Warren E. Fairbanks	5 00	
Town Clerk to March 1, 1904		
Henry A. Whitney, salary 25.00, expenses 33.65	58 65	
Auditor to March 1, 1904		
Dr. N. W. Sanborn	10 00	
Inspector of animals to Feb. 1, 1904		
C. E. White	71 00	
Constables and Police Duty		
Walter H. Thayer	5 00	
G. H. Drake	5 00	
Fred M. Rhodes	5 00	
Edwin M. Bennett	7 00	
Timothy Foley	6 00	
James Crayton	2 00	
Ballot Clerks and Teller for March and November	30 00	
Perambulating town line to Mar. 1, '04		
Henry A. Whitney	2 00	
Alanson Freeman	2 00	
Expenses of Selectmen to Mar. 1, 1904		
Henry A. Whitney	14 57	
Alanson Freeman	3 00	
		$631 22

REPAIR OF TOWN BUILDINGS.

Appropriation, Town Home $100.00, Town House $50.00	$150 00	
Paid Town Home		
L. S. Holbrook	6 20	
Matherson & Andrews	72 30	
James Crayton	2 25	$80 75
Town House		
Martin White	10 80	
James Crayton	18 07	
W. A. Noble	3 85	
James Crayton	3 00	
		$35 72
		$116 47
Balance to next year's account		35 53
		$150 00

PRINTING.

Appropriation	$100 00	
From last year's account	3 50	
Emergency Fund	14 29	
		$117 79
Paid Charles E. Cook	$100 08	
G. M. Billings	12 25	
G. W. Southwick	2 85	
Hobbs & Warren Co	2 61	
		$117 79

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Appropriation	$150 00	
Paid Sarah T. Rockwood, Treasurer	150 00	
		$150 00

DECORATION DAY.

Appropriation	$50 00	

Paid James O. Richardson, Committee.....	50 00	
		$50 00

CEMETERIES.

Appropriation.....	$40 00	
From last year's account.....	40	
		$40 40
Paid O. C. Rhodes.....	$9 00	
S. Fred Metcalf.....	9 00	
Henry A. Whitney.....	9 40	
		$27 40
Balance to next year's account....		$13 00

COPY OF VITAL STATISTICS.

Appropriation.....	$100 00	
Paid Henry A. Whitney.....	100 00	
		$100 00

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Appropriation.....	$40 00	
Paid Henry A. Whitney.....	2 00	
Dr. N. W. Sanborn.....	3 00	
C. E. White, inspection of provisions..	5 00	
		$10 00
Balance to next year's account....		$30 00

INCIDENTAL ITEMS.

Appropriation.....	$100 00	
From Emergency Fund.....	80 06	
		$180 06
Paid Derby Desk Co.....	$20 00	
James O. Richardson, work on common	3 00	
L. F. Thayer, work on common.....	9 57	
C. E. White, loam for common.....	4 80	
E. L. Burdakin, copy of deeds.....	10 50	
H. E. Ruggles, counsel.....	10 00	

H. A. Whitney, auctioneer	4 50	
O. C. Rhodes, repairs of bulletin boards	3 00	
James Lilley, signs	2 00	
Clark, Ellis & Co., stove, etc.	11 55	
L. F. Thayer	6 59	
" " watering tub, 1904	5 00	
P. P. Cook, " " 1904-1905	10 00	
James Crayton, janitor to March, '04	5 00	
L. F. Thayer, et al, forest fire	17 80	
John M. Rhodes, " "	10 00	
S. Fred Metcalf, " "	10 00	
Medway Fire Dept., O'Neil's fire	17 75	
" " " Riordan's fire	19 50	
		$180 06

TOWN WELL.

Appropriation	$175 00	
From Wentworth Fund	20 00	
James Monroe	7 00	
Emergency Fund	73 27	
		$275 27
Paid L. F. Thayer, work and mdse	$21 40	
Clark, Ellis & Sons, mdse	29 51	
C. E. White, mdse	2 40	
Henry Jenckes, drinking fountain	131 00	
E. F. Gay, work	11 83	
Frank Miller, work	29 50	
E. Duquette, work	16 50	
James Monroe, work	15 91	
Charles P. Jager, work	5 10	
Hiram Cook, work	9 00	
James Crayton, painting	1 87	
James Lilly, lettering fountain	1 25	
		$275 27

TRAMPS.

Appropriation	$60 00	

Balance from last year's account	17 45	
		$77 45
Paid L. F. Thayer	$16 91	
James Crayton	52 25	
		$69 16
Balance to next year's account		$8 29

INDIGENT SOLDIERS' AID.

Appropriation from last year's account	$121 14	
		$121 14

None of this has been expended.

STATE AID.

The following amounts have been disbursed under Chapter 374, Acts of 1889, and will be reimbursed by the State:

Paid Milton R. Billings	44 00	
Bridget Burke	48 00	
John J. Gerstle	49 50	
John Shannon	48 00	
Eliphalet S. Sears	48 00	
Amanda Adams	44 00	
Marian Williams	40 00	
		$321 50

BURIAL AGENT.

Paid Henry A. Whitney, Agent	$35 00	
		$35 00

To be reimbursed by the State.

STREET RAILWAY—TAX STATEMENT.

1903 State tax	$369 61	
1904 " "	332 75	
1903 Excise tax (estimated)	275 68	
1904 " " "	285 57	
		$1263 61

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Town Vote	$500 00	
Paid Fred M. Rhodes. snow bills	103 01	
M. J. Connolly, snow bills	63 50	
L. F. Thayer, snow bills	57 26	
P. P. Cook, snow bills	50 66	
		$774 43
Balance to next year's account		$489 18

SIDE WALK.

Appropriation	$300 00	
Paid M. J. Connolly	298 43	
Balance to next year's account		$1 57

BUILDING COMMITTEE.

No appropriation		
Paid R. A. Cook	$200 00	
Voted by town, Treasurer borrow $3000 00.		

EMERGENCY FUND.

Appropriation	$300 00	
Less amount overdrawn last year	81 90	
		$218 10
Transfer to account of Printing	$14 29	
" " " " Incidental	80 06	
" " " " Town Well	73 27	
" " " " Town Officers	31 32	
		$199 84
Balance to next year's account		$18 26
Repairs of Town Home and Town House	$33 53	
Cemeteries	13 00	
Board of Health	30 00	
Care of Tramps	8 29	
Indigent Soldiers' Aid	121 14	

Side Walks	1 57	
Emergency Fund	18 26	
		$225 79

SELECTMEN'S ORDERS HAVE PAID.

Town Officers	$631 22	
Repairs Town Building	116 47	
Printing	117 79	
Library	150 00	
Decoration Day	50 00	
Cemeteries	27 40	
Vital Statistics	100 00	
Board of Health	10 00	
Incidentals	180 06	
Town Well	275 27	
Tramps	69 16	
State Aid	321 50	
Burial Agent	35 00	
Snow Bills	274 43	
Side Walk	298 43	
Plans for South End Building	200 00	
		$2856 73

ESTIMATES OF THE SELECTMEN.

Support of Schools	$5400 00
Highway (also 500 from R. R. Tax)	1000 00
Support of Poor	1000 00
Repair of Town Buildings	150 00
Town Incidentals	150 00
Printing	100 00
Town Officers	600 00
Interest	600 00
Cemeteries	40 00
Decoration Day	50 00
Public Library	150 00
Indigent Soldiers' Aid	
Tramps	60 00

Board of Health		
Emergency Fund.....	300 00	
		$9600 00

Respectfully submitted,

CARROLL E. WHITE,
ALANSON FREEMAN,
MICHAEL F. RYAN,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE
on Rebuilding of School House.

At the annual meeting of the Town held in March, 1904, a committee consisting of the Selectmen, School Committee and Town Treasurer were appointed to rebuild the school House at South Bellingham as it was too small to accomodate the pupils and did not comply with the requirements of the State Board as regards heating, ventilation and sanitation, and three thousand dollars was appropriated for the purpose.

The committee organized by choosing Horace A. Brown as Chairman, and Michael F. Ryan as Secretary, and selected Robert A. Cook as architect to prepare plans and specifications for remodelling the present building to about the same inside arrangement as the buildings at the Centre and North.

On receiving bids for the work, the committee found that the amount needed to remodel the building would be about seven thousand dollars and on applying to the town for enough to make this amount, were refused.

Deeming it unwise to remodel the building unless it could be properly done, the committee have taken no further action.

The present building is a fine one, as far as outward appearance goes, but it is an expensive one to remodel for several reasons among which are the following:

The foundation is of brick and laid in a trench, wall fashion, so that an entirely new founatdion would have to support a new building. The heaters are inadequate for the present building and of course would be entirely useless for another building. The present entrances would have to be changed, coat-rooms provided and warmed and precautions taken to prevent spread of fire about stairs and cellar ceiling which are now unprotected.

A new system of ventilation should be installed to comply with the law which would be quite expensive but would give sat-

isfactory results. The window plan would have to be changed to have light on two sides of the room so that the light will fall on the back and left side of the pupils as is the best method and the one always recommended. The present outhouses are entirely too small and are not suitable even for the needs of a one room building of the present day and should receive attention at once.

The only cost so far has been for plans and specifications for which the committee has spent two hundred dollars.

[Signed] The Building Committee.

Tree Warden's Report.

At the Annual Town Meeting of 1904 the town appropriated ten dollars for the use of the Tree Warden. I have had notice of five trees in the highway which ought to be removed and some should be trimmed. I had a hearing on the removal of two of the trees and decided to remove them. One has been and the other will be removed this Spring. A hearing will be given soon on the removal of the other three.

This work has been done at no expense to the town and with the appropriation of fifteen dollars this year it will give the Tree Warden twenty-five dollars to work with this present year.

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Tree Warden.

Road Commissioner's Report.

At the beginning of the year the Selectmen requested the Road Commissioners to draw their own orders on the Treasurer instead of having their bills pass through the Board of Selectmen as formerly; consequently the board organized, have held their meetings, drawn their orders, and transacted the business pertaining to their office the same as other boards of town officers.

The reduced appropriation rendered it impossible to maintain the streets in as good condition as they were last season. The part of Centre street from the State Road to Blackstone line was not in good condition last Spring but hoping that the State Highway would be completed we thought it best not to repair it, but if the state road is not built the coming season it will have to be repaired. The bridge near Eugene Rhodes' will have to be new this season and several small culverts will have to be relaid. At the South all the old guide boards have been replaced with new boards and posts. The guide boards at the Centre and the North will have to be repaired and repainted the coming year.

Financial Statement.

North Section.

Paid M. J. Connolly	38	days at	$1 75	$66 50
M. Heffernan	26½	days at	1 50	39 75
John Sullivan	15	days at	1 50	22 50
T. F. Connolly	14	days at	1 50	21 00
Timothy Foley	13	days at	1 50	19 50
Gilbert Drake	12	days at	1 50	18 00
Elmer Nourse	10	days at	1 50	15 00
Joseph Wales	8½	days at	1 50	12 75
Joseph McCullum	6	days at	1 50	9 00
Patrick Dore	4	days at	1 50	6 00
William Haley	4	days at	1 50	6 00

E. L. Connolly.....	3½ days at	1 50	5 25	
Eugene Hamlin.....	20 hours at	20	4 00	
Four horses	25 days at	5 00	125 00	
Two horses.....	11½ days at	2 50	28 75	
Addison Bullard, 492 loads gravel at		04	19 68	
M. Jennison, 76 loads of gravel at		04	3 04	
M. Carter, 53 loads of gravel at		04	2 12	
P. P. Cook, 2 stringers at 4 50			9 00	
P. P. Cook, 709 feet of plank at 02 c. ft.,			14 18	
L. F. Thayer, 1 stringer			2 00	
L. F. Thayer, 16 posts			3 20	
E. B. Stowe, 115 pounds spikes at 03....			3 45	
Norris, Staples & Gould, dynamite, etc ..			4 95	
C. Fitzpatrick, 2 hours labor at 35.....			70	
Walter Ellis, ½ day's labor at			75	
Repairing scraper			6 77	
Sharpening tools			2 75	
				$471 59

Center Section.

Paid Frank Gay	106	hours at	16⅔c..	$17 67
George Nourse.....	218½	hours at	" ..	36 42
Charles Marble....	106	hours at	" ..	17 67
J. Dermody	27	hours at	" ..	4 50
M. B. Taylor, jr....	34½	hours at	" ..	5 75
Walter Cook.....	191½	hours at	" ..	31 92
R. Stewart	24½	hours at	" ..	4 08
Eugene Trask.....	89	hours at	" ..	14 68
George Sears	49½	hours at	" ..	8 25
M. McGlynn..	157	hours at	" ..	26 17
Italian.....	207	hours at	" ..	34 50
Frank Adams.....	52	hours at	" ..	8 67
Isaih Taylor	10½	hours at	" ..	1 75
Wilder Gardner	36	hours at	" ..	6 00
Joseph Palmer	25	hours at	" ..	4 17
H. A. Cooke	55	hours at	" ..	9 17

Clarence Hicks.....	42	hours at	" ..	7 50	
John Gerstle.....	9	hours at	" ..	1 50	
Wm. Gildersleeve...	9	hours at	" ..	1 50	
Frank Taylor.....	9	hours at	" ..	1 50	
Wm. Cote.....	9	hours at	" ..	1 50	
Phillip Corke.....	9	hours at	" ..	1 50	
P. P. Cook.....	93	hours at	$19\frac{4}{9}$ ..	18 08	
James Munroe,	100	loads of gravel	at 04..	4 00	
Addison Burr,	21	" " "	04..	84	
Henry Fiske,	8	" " "	04..	32	
Mr. Migneault,	8	" " "	04..	32	
A. Trask,	17	" " "	04..	68	
Phillip Comier,	122	" " "	04..	4 88	
L. F. Thayer,	73	" " "	04..	2 92	
Repairing scraper				11 77	
Sharpening picks 2.00, 6 shovels 3.90....				5 90	
Team work 392 hours at $27\frac{7}{9}$ c. per hour..				103 33	
					$399 41

Bridge Work.

Paid 1466 feet plank at $22.00 per thousand...			$32 25	
Arthur Nelson,	1 day's labor.....		2 50	
George Nourse,	1 " "		1 50	
Frank Gay,	1 " "		1 50	
Charles Marble,	1 " "		1 50	
P. P. Cook,	1 " "		1 75	
Walter Cook,	1 hour's "		$16\frac{2}{3}$	
3 stringers at $2.50 each			7 50	
100 pounds spikes.....			2 50	
				$51 17

South Section.

Paid J. Burchard.....	$5\frac{7}{18}$	days at	1 50	$8 08
J. Farnum.....	$6\frac{3}{6}$	days at	1 50	10 25
Wm. White.....	$31\frac{11}{18}$	days at	1 50	47 41
D. McMann	29	days at	1 50	43 50

Wm. Ratte	$1\frac{1}{2}$	days at	1 50	2 25	
M. Tingley	$10\frac{2}{9}$	days at	1 50	15 33	
O. C. Rhodes	$10\frac{8}{9}$	days at	1 50	16 33	
Eugene Trask	$11\frac{11}{18}$	days at	1 50	18 92	
Alba Trask	$4\frac{1}{2}$	days at	1 50	6 75	
Wm. Wales	$3\frac{13}{18}$	days at	1 50	5 58	
Wm. Scott	$23\frac{13}{18}$	days at	1 50	35 58	
Steven Scott	5	days at	1 50	7 50	
J. Snider	4	days at	1 50	6 00	
Geo. Brown	$3\frac{13}{18}$	days at	1 50	5 58	
John Croak	$1\frac{13}{18}$	days at	1 50	2 58	
J. Jondro	1	days at	1 50	1 50	
C. Thayer	$1\frac{13}{18}$	days at	1 50	2 58	
Geo. Nourse	13	days at	1 50	19 50	
F. M. Rhodes	$40\frac{4}{9}$	days at	1 75	70 77	
S. E. Scott, 2 horses	$43\frac{2}{3}$	days at	2 50	109 17	
J. Jondro, 2 horses	1	day at	2 50	2 50	
L. F. Thayer 2 "	$1\frac{13}{18}$	days at	2 50	4 30	
F. M. Rhodes 1 "	8	days at	1 25	10 00	
A. Freeman, fixing washout				65	
					$452 61

GRAVEL.

C. A. Crooks,	74 loads at 04	$2 96	
J. Neill,	73 loads at 04	2 92	
E. Migneault,	72 loads at 04	2 88	
I. Brothers,	48 loads at 04	1 92	
William White,	62 loads at 04	2 48	
6 loads of stone at 05		30	
			$13 46
Guide boards, labor, paint, nails, etc.		$13 79	
			$13 79
1 bush scythe and stick		$1 80	
Spikes and nails		1 38	
Repair of tools		1 05	
			$4 23

BRIDGES.

Bought of Hiram Crooks, chestnut plank, 639 feet at $22.00 per 1000 ft.....	$14 06	
Wm. Burr, 500 ft. ch. plk. at 22.00 M.	11 00	
George Crooks, stringers.....	7 35	
		$32 41
		$516 50

EXTRA WORK.

Steven E. Scott, 2 horses, 2 days.....	$8 00	
Hermingilde Harpin, 33½ hours.....	5 58	
Wm. C. White, 16½ hours.....	2 75	
O. C. Rhodes, 32 hours.....	5 33	
Joseph B. Cook, 32 loads gravel at 04..	1 28	
		$22 94

Total.....	$1461 61
Appropriation.....	$1500 00
Unexpended balance.....	$38 39

M. J. CONNOLLY,
F. M. RHODES,
P. P. COOK,
Road Commissioners.

Report of Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand	$312 27
From State Treasurer.	
Inspection of animals	40 50
Corporation tax	92 13
National Bank tax	83 17
State aid	298 00
Street Railway tax	332 75
Massachusetts school fund	1303 90
Tuition of children in small towns	427 22
From County Treasurer:	
Dog tax	287 82
Sale of school houses	185 50
J. Dutcher, district school fund	416 66
School Committee—tuition	10 00
Hoag Lake license	100 00
H. A. Whitney, auctioneer license	2 00
P. P. Cook, auctioneer license	2 00
Edna P. Blackmar, bowling alley license	3 00
E. B. Stowe, fireworks license	1 00
S. Fred Metcalf, auctioneer license	2 00
District Court	40 00
Cemeteries, lots in trust	50 00
C. A. Crooks, tax collector	12771 10
C. A. Crooks, tax collector, interest on money deposited	36 95
Selectmen	7 00
Overseers of the Poor	2653 13
Mass. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, for drink-	

ing fountains	20 00	
Borrowed money	11000 00	
		$30469 10

EXPENDITURES.

Paid School Committees' orders	$8344 95	
Selectmen's orders for snow bills of last year	15 00	
Selectmen's orders	2856 73	
Road Commissioner's orders	1461 61	
District Court	122 22	
Insurance on town building	90 38	
State tax	650 00	
County tax	589 26	
State highway	3 28	
Interest on school house notes	350 00	
Interest on Town notes	157 92	
Interest on borrowed money	153 51	
Two school house notes	1017 50	
Stamps rnd stationery	3 00	
Cemeteries, lots in trust	21 95	
Borrowed money	9000 00	
Overseers of the Poor orders	4385 31	
		$29222 62

LIABILITIES OF TOWN.

Baptist society note	632 00	
Heirs of Luther Thayer note	1000 00	
L. F. Thayer note	2000 00	
New school house notes	10000 00	
		$13632 00

ASSETS.

Cash on hand	$1246 48

L. FRANCIS THAYER,

Town Treasurer.

MONEY LEFT BY THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS FOR CARE OF BURIAL LOTS,

Name and Amount Left.		One Year's Interest on Several Lots.	Amount Expended on Each Lot During the Year, as follows:		Bal. Due on Each Lot for Year Ending February 1, 1905.	
Zebina Bullard	$100 00	$4 00	Paid Trustees of Cemeteries	$4 00	Bullard	$11 08
B. Benedict	40 00	1 60	" " " "	0 00	Benedict	4 53
A. P. Eaton	50 00	2 00	" " " "	2 75	Eaton	8 93
Sarah Holbrook	100 00	4 00	" " " "	4 00	Holbrook	12 14
Jarvis Cook	50 00	2 00	" " " "	3 50	Cook	2 77
P. Bryant	100 00	4 00	" " " "	4 00	Bryant	10 64
E. Barber	30 00	1 20	" " " "	0 00	Barber	4 19
Lavinia Taft	50 00	2 00	" " " "	75	Taft	10 66
A. M. Clarke	30 00	1 20	" " " "	50	Clarke	4 50
Amos Keach	50 00	2 00	" " " "	50	Keach	2 50
Olive Cushman	50 00	2 00	" " " "	75	Cushman	2 25
Calvin Rockwood	100 00	4 00	" " " "	1 20	Rockwood	4 80
Benjamin E. Marble	50 00	2 mos. 33	" " " "	0 00	Marble	33
	$800 00	$30 33		$21 95		$73 32

Report of Overseers of Poor.

To the Citizens of the Town of Bellingham:

The Overseers of the Poor present the following report for the year ending February 1, 1905:

The town farm and almshouse have been in charge of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Whiting the past year.

The present number of inmates is seven.

Four persons have received outside help.

A new gravel roof has been put on the cow barn and some small repairs made about the house, all at an expense of $80.75, and charged to repairs of town buildings.

The building on the west side of the road used for storage purposes, leaks badly and must be shingled this year. The hay barn roof leaks some and will need repairs. The west end of the hen house will have to be repaired. A new shed for housing wagons and farm machinery, sixty feet long has been built between the piggery and the road. This is something that has long been needed; the lumber for this building was obtained on the farm. The large rock and old shed that stood nearly in the road have been removed and this makes a decided improvement in the looks of the place.

Tramps have been cared for at the police station by James Crayton, as follows:

Number	lodged	and	fed	in February,	1904	118
"	"	"	"	March,	"	117
"	"	"	"	April,	"	41
"	"	"	"	May,	"	3
"	"	"	"	June,	"	0
"	"	"	"	July,	"	0
"	"	"	"	August,	"	0
"	"	"	"	September,	"	7
"	"	"	"	October,	"	38

"	"	"	"	November, "	59
"	"	"	"	December, "	91
"	"	"	"	January, 1905	91
Total					565

Bills approved by Overseers for care of tramps and handed to the Selectmen:

James Crayton	$68 56	
L. F. Thayer	12 50	
Dr. N. W. Sanborn	5 00	
		$86 06

INMATES AT ALMSHOUSE.

	Age.	Weeks.	Days.
Sarah Cross	48	52	
Clarissa P. Adams	53	52	
Mary Watt	59	52	
Robert A. Daniels	75	52	
John H. Eaton	78	52	
Libbius Chilson	72		4
Bridget Burke, board paid by guardian	60	52	
		312½	

PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM AND ALMSHOUSE AS APPRAISED BY THE SELECTMEN JANUARY 31, 1905.

Land and buildings	$4600 00
15 cows, 1 bull, 6 young stock	800 00
3 horses	400 00
125 fowls	100 00
7 hogs	65 00
10 wagons and sleds	600 00
Hay, fodder and ensilage	275 00
Grain	40 00
Farm machinery	202 00

Small tools of all kinds	173 00	
Harnesses, Blankets, etc	125 00	
Wood, lumber, posts, coal, oil, ashes	324 00	
Household furniture	450 00	
Groceries and provisions	85 00	
Potatoes, vegetables and fruit	85 00	
Vinegar and barrels	12 00	
Ice	15 00	
		$8351 00

RECEIPTS AT TOWN FARM.

Fowls and eggs	$256 27	
Use of bull and boar	21 00	
Calves	26 00	
Stock	305 00	
Board	148 00	
Fruit and vegetables	12 69	
Wood	55 25	
Milk	1199 60	
Junk	4 62	
Barge	100 00	
Pigs and pork	124 00	
Transporting scholars	360 05	
		$2612 43

RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES.

Received from Fall River	$24 00	
Received from Estate of P. D. Chilson	16 70	
		$40 70

OUTSIDE AID.

Wm. O. Rhodes, care of Polly Drake	$136 50	
Town of Southbridge, aid to Mrs A. Burke	9 25	
City of Worcester, care of Vivian Burke	20 60	
Kate Daignault	21 18	
		$187 53

EXPENDITURES AT TOWN FARM.

Hardware, seeds, and pump repairs	$200 41	
Labor	478 53	
Carpenter work	43 00	
Stock	553 00	
Blacksmithing and wagon repairs	80 87	
Grain	1062 21	
Sundries for farm use	527 17	
New barge	150 00	
Groceries and meat	587 02	
Dry goods and shoes	31 30	
Medicines	1 05	
Sundries for house use	58 14	
Salary of Superintendent and Matron	399 96	
		$4172 66

INCIDENTALS.

Books, stationery, postage, traveling expense	$25 12

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

From farm	$2612 43	
From all other sources	40 70	
Gain in appraisals	222 70	
Appropriation	800 00	
		$3675 83

EXPENDITURES.

Expense at town farm	$4172 65	
Outside aid	187 53	
		$4360 19
Expended more than income		684 36

Cost of Keeping Inmates at Town Farm Excluding Interest and Repairs.

Appraisal of property at town farm Jan. 31, 1905	$8351 00

Appraisal of property at town farm Jan. 30, 1904	8127 30	
Gain		$222 70
Expense at town farm		$4172 66
Income at town farm	$2612 43	
Gain in appraisals	222 70	
		$2835 13
Net expense		$1337 53

312½ weeks board at $4.28+

POOR DEPARTMENT IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN TREASURER.

DR.

To Orders No. 741 to No. 828, inclusive	$4385 31

CR.

By receipts at farm	$2612 43	
From other sources	40 70	
Appropriation	800 00	
Overdrawn	932 18	
		$4385 31

O. L. BULLARD,
H. W. PICKERING,
F. A. SHERBURNE,

Overseers of the Poor.

Report of Tax Collector.

1902 TAXES.

DR.

To balance due Treasurer, Feb. 1, 1904	$123 60	
To interest collected	4 38	
		$127 98

CR.

By abatements	$4 00	
By interest paid Treasurer	4 38	
By cash paid Treasurer between Feb. 1, 1904 and Feb. 1, 1905	39 16	
Balance due Treasurer on 1902 taxes	80 44	
		$127 98

1903 TAXES.

DR.

To balance due Treasurer Feb. 1, 1904	$3250 80	
To interest collected	90 34	
		$3341 14

CR.

By abatements between Feb. 1, 1904 and Feb. 1, 1905	$54 17	
By interest paid Treasurer	90 34	
By cash paid Treasurer between Feb. 1, 1904 and Feb. 1, 1905	2548 86	
By Collector's commission (one per cent)	122 27	
Balance due Treasurer Feb. 1, 1905 on 1903 taxes	525 50	
		$3341 14

1904 TAXES.

DR.

To amount to be collected	$12980 74	
To excise taxes	285 57	
		$13266 31

CR.

By abatements	$47 26	
By cash paid up to and including February 1, 1805	10088 36	
By printing, express, envelopes and stamps	10 79	
By balance due Treasurer Feb. 1, 1905	3119 90	
		$13266 31

Interest received from Producers' National Bank	36 95	
Interest paid L. F. Thayer, Treasurer		36 95

C. A. Crooks,

Tax Collector.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Report of Trustees.

Another year is past and we are to make our annual report of the condition of our library.

We thank the voters for their liberal appropriation at the last annual town meeting; by so doing we were able to purchase a fine series of books consisting of nine volumes, "The Nature Study Library."

There has not been the number of books donated the past year as in some other years and we extend our thanks to all who have donated books, magazines, or have helped with suggestions for the betterment of our library. We feel ourselves that we are improving in the selection of our books, and by getting such the cost is more and the number less. The past year the library has had a good many visitors from other towns in this state and from other states and they all speak highly of our selections and the fine library we have. Thinking the suggestion good, we have a sign being painted to set up designating where our library is located, and one that will be suitable to be placed on any building even a "Public Library Building" which we are in hopes we may have in the near future.

We have a few dollars more in the treasury than we anticipated last spring. The trustees voted to have the books in the sub-libraries at the North and South part of the town changed every six weeks and if the trustees were at any expense it should come out of the library fund, but we have exchanged them very nearly on time and at our own expense. As all the citizens, both male and female, over fourteen years of age are interested in the library we all hope they will take the interest the trustees have and keep the books in as fine a condition when they return them, as they were when taken from the library.

As we make this report we have a collection of paintings

for exhibition, of English water colors loaned by the Woman's Education Association, consisting of 66 reproductions; added to this are the portraits of 24 of the artists.

We respectfully ask for the same appropriation as last year.

Wesley E. Howes,
May L. Wright,
Alice A. Burr,
Olive Cook,
Sara T. Rockwood,
Henry A. Whitney.
Trustees.

Librarian's Report.

I have the honor of submitting the Tenth Annual Report as Librarian of the Bellingham Public Library.

First, I am pleased to be able to report a gain in the number of people who avail themselves of the privileges the use of the library affords them.

During the year there have been 173 card holders, and the circulation for home use has been 2,835. The library is often convenient for reference especially to the school children, a privilege we are pleased at any time to grant. We have now 1,676 books on our shelves not including any of the state books and pamphlets. As usual we have had several books donated by interested friends during the year which we acknowledge with many thanks. The McClure's Magazine, Saturday Evening Post, and The Woman's Journal, in fact our table for literature has been very generously supplied with suitable and interesting reading matter. "The World's Work" is a magazine that has been eagerly sought for by our visitors.

The library has been opened every Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5:30 oclock, also Saturday and Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8 o'clock. The room is small and it had seemed impossible for

the library to remain much longer at the place it had always occupied, but by some planning at our last trustee's meeting it was thought best to try and keep it at the same place one more year. The work of the librarian is much the same from year to year but her interest does not abate in the preservation of the books and the custom that some of our readers still encourage of turning down the leaves is a trial to her and again she must ask you one and all, to form the habit of using a book mark instead of disfiguring a book. The library was closed in January for two weeks for inspection of the books. May we all work together to keep up the standard of our library in every way.

Respectfully submitted,

SARA T. ROCKWOOD,
Librarian.

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1905.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1904	$6 18	
Received from Town	149 60	
Received from fines	4 16	
Received from sale of catalogues	96	
		$160 90

EXPENDITURES.

New books	$100 00	
Librarian	25 00	
Library sign	13 00	
Printing supplementary catalogues	3 50	
Supplies and expenses	6 65	
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1905	12 75	
		$160 90

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. ROCKWOOD, *Treasurer.*

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

Superintendent of Schools

OF THE

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR 1904-'05

WOONSOCKET, R. I.:
CHARLES E. COOK, PRINTER, 76 MAIN STREET.
1905.

School Committee 1904-05.

HORACE A. BROWN, Chairman.....Term expires 1907
CLARENCE A. CROOKS, Secretary.....Term expires 1905
JAMES O. RICHARDSON .....Term expires 1906

HERBERT F. TAYLOR, Superintendent,

TRUANT OFFICERS.

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
GILBERT H. DRAKE,
HERBERT F. TAYLOR,
FRED M. RHODES,
EDWARD M. BENNETT,
JOSEPH DOUCETTE.

Report of School Committee.

The School Committee respectfully submit the following report:—

The Committee organized with Horace A. Brown, Chairman and Clarence A. Crooks, Secretary.

The District Committee representing the towns of Mendon, Hopedale and Bellingham met as required by law in April, and after organizing by choosing Horace A. Brown of Bellingham, as Chairman and Frank J. Dutcher of Hopedale, as Secretary, re-elected Mr. Herbert F. Taylor as Superintendent for another year.

The North Bellingham and Bellingham Centre buildings have been painted and cellars and walks concreted and are both in excellent condition; the building at the South is in the same condition as last year.

The committee appointed to rebuild at the South found on advertising for bids that the appropriation was not nearly enough to properly fix the building and on asking for more money were refused, so believing that unless the building could be built as it should be it was better to wait for a year or so, have taken no further action in the matter.

We wish to commend the report of the Superintendent, which follows this, to the careful consideration of the parents.

Owing to a mistake we received more money this year from the State than we were entitled to so that our receipts from that source next year will probably be about $300.00 less than was received this year and we think it best to ask for an appropriation of $100.00 less than last year, namely, $5,400.00.

Financial Statement.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriations	$5900 00
District School Fund	416 66
Tuition of children (small towns)	427 22
Dog tax	278 82
Income Mass. School Fund	1303 90
Tuition	10 00
Herbert F. Taylor (gift)	10 00
Exceeded appropriations	8 35
	$8354 95

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for teaching	$3096 50	
for care of buildings	563 00	
for fuel	639 54	
for text books	83 33	
for repairs	804 09	
for supervision	560 10	
for incidentals	144 33	
for supplies	207 66	
for transportation	1017 20	
for tuition	848 20	
Pay Roll to February 24, 1905	391 00	
		$8354 95

DETAILS OF EXPENDITURES.

TEACHING.

Paid Mary A. Billings, 32 weeks	$352 00
Katherine F. Allen, 32 weeks	336 00
H. W. Delano, 14 weeks	154 00
Hannah G. Kennedy, 14 weeks	147 00
Emily F. Upton, 14 weeks	147 00
Pearl Grant, 14 weeks	140 00
Frances W. Dalrymple, 14 weeks	154 00
Inez J. Howes, 32 weeks	306 00

Ethel B. Calef, 32 weeks	306 00	
Annie A. Robinson	52 50	
Ella K. Herrick	75 00	
Nellie C. Greenlaw, 18 weeks	189 00	
Mabel Drake, 18 weeks	180 00	
Frances Hallier, 18 weeks	180 00	
Hannah G. Scannell, 18 weeks	180 00	
Mrs. H. J. Flagg, 18 weeks	198 00	
Pay Roll to February 24, 1905	391 00	
		$3487 50

CARE OF BUILDINGS.

Paid Joseph Doucette, 26 weeks	$78 00	
John McCarthy, 6 weeks	21 00	
S. Fred Metcalf, 32 weeks	208 00	
James O. Richardson, 32 weeks	192 00	
Pay Roll to February 24, 1905	64 00	
		$563 00

TEXT BOOKS.

Paid D. C. Heath & Co	$6 27	
Ginn & Co	14 55	
Rand, McNally & Co	14 04	
Benj. A. Sanborn	7 67	
American Book Co	16 01	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co	12 59	
J. L. Hammett Co	9 20	
Educational Pub. Co.	3 00	
		$83 33

REPAIRS.

Paid John A. Moore, concreting	$600 00	
J. Crayton, painting school buildings	199 20	
Beaudet Bros., plumbing	4 89	
		804 09

SUPERVISION.

Paid Herbert F. Taylor	$560 10	
		$560 10

INCIDENTALS.

Paid H. J. Foley	$10 50	
H. F. Taylor	6 59	
C. A. Crooks, broom and bell rope	86	
J. O. Richardson	1 55	
Eldredge & Son, floor oil	2 25	
G. M. Billings, report cards	3 00	
Thomas Groom & Co., School Committee order book	12 00	
C. A. Crooks, broom and dippers	44	
L. F. Thayer, express and carting	1 40	
Winchester Tar Disinfecting Co	5 75	
J. F. Damon	2 25	
L. F. Thayer, express and carting	3 91	
Barstow Stove Co	1 75	
Joseph Doucette, cleaning floors, etc	8 92	
S. F. Metcalf	8 75	
H. A. Whitney, taking school census	7 50	
J. O. Richardson	11 90	
Eldredge & Son	3 00	
H. F. Taylor, expense school exhibition	6 21	
M. M. White	7 68	
C. A. Crooks, floor brush	2 00	
L. F. Thayer, freight and carting	3 71	
S. T. Metcalf, pump and chain buckets, cleaning floors, etc	27 00	
H. F. Taylor, Telephone	1 56	
C. A. Crooks, agate-ware dippers	40	
J. Crayton	2 00	
Clark Ellis & Sons	1 45	
		$144 33

SUPPLIES.

Paid Edward E. Babb & Co	$137 45	
Milton Bradley & Co	69 17	
American Book Co	1 04	
		$207 67

TRANSPORTATION

Paid L. F. Thayer, 36 weeks at $7.50.....	$270 00	
A. W. Care, 30 weeks at $6.00.....	180 00	
Geo. D. Crooks, 8 weeks at $7 50.....	60 00	
M. A. & W. Ry., thro' J. O. Richardson	72 80	
" " " " " C. A. Crooks....	48 75	
" " " " " Geo. Melrose....	25 65	
Bellingham Poor Department, 36 weeks.	360 00	
		$1017 20

FUEL.

L. F. Thayer, coal and wood.....	$363 63	
S. F. Metcalf, coal and wood	235 69	
C. A. Crooks, wood	28 22	
Harold M. Curtis, coke	12 00	
		$639 54

TUITION.

Paid City of Woonsocket.....	$50 75	
Town of Milford.....	264 20	
Town of Franklin	535 25	
		$848 20
Amount drawn on Treasurer.....		$8344 95

DISTRIBUTION OF STATE FUNDS, 1905.

Salary of teachers.....	$902 00	
Transportation	140 00	
Fuel	220 30	
.....	32 68	
Text books.....	3 47	
and supplies.....	1 04	
.....	2 52	
.....	1 75	
		$1303 76

Amount $1,303.90 less $1,303.76—balance 14 cents.

HORACE A. BROWN,
CLARENCE A. CROOKS,
JAMES O. RICHARDSON,
School Committee.

Report of the Superintendent.

To the School Committee of Bellingham:

Gentlemen:—I herewith present my third annual report, which is the eleventh of the superintendent of schools.

The year which closed in June saw no startling changes in curriculum or method. The work was confined to those branches recognized by educators as those needed by our boys and girls for life or in preparation for higher institutions. How well it was done, and along what lines was shown to the town's people in the exhibition held at the Town Hall in June. The entire written work of the year was shown, every child being represented by the daily work done and collected. It was in no sense SHOW work which usually means largely written by the teacher and copied by the pupil. The appreciation of the work on the part of the parents and other visitors was very gratifying and helpful to the teachers, and I believe such a display of the work of our schools every two or three years to be desirable. I am unable to report that it has materially increased the number of visitors who come into the schools to examine the daily work.

Another testimony of the quality of the work done in your schools, is the reports received of those who are attending high schools in neighboring towns. They are able for the most part to successfully do the work of the classes they enter, in spite of the fact that their preparation is received in a room having at least three grades, as compared to the single preparatory grade found in the larger towns.

In this connection it may be wise to publicly correct an erroneous impression as to the reason the children from South Bellingham are not encouraged to enter the Woonsocket High School which is geographically the one they would naturally attend and which they formerly did attend. Reference to the financial statement of this report will show that the town received from the State on account of High School Tuition Fund $427.22. This money is received under Chapter 433, Acts of 1902, which states that any town which maintains no high school of its own, and "whose valuation is more than seven hundred and fifty thousand

dollars, but whose number of families ls less than five hundred shall be entitled to receive from the treasury of the commonwealth half of its necessary amounts which have actually been expended for high school tuition," but "no expenditure shall be made by the commonwealth on account of high school instruction under the provisions of this section *unless the high school in which such instruction is furnished has been approved by the board of education.*" It is self-evident that money spent by Bellingham in the State of Rhode Island, cannot be returned to the town from the public treasury of Massachusetts. The committee generously allowed any pupils who were enrolled at Woonsocket to complete the course the town paying full tuition, and have also agreed to pay one-half the tuition of any who may desire to enter henceforth, the parent to pay the other half, which in the case of the high schools of Massachusetts, the state would pay.

Conditions have improved but little at the South School since my last report although the number of chileren has decreased materially in the primary room. This decrease is due in part to transfers made at the request of the parents to the Center. As between adding a grade there, and transferring a grade to the Center, better results should be obtained by transporting a small grade to the Center, although I believe there are evils connected with transportation, especially by electric service. Many of the parents are sending their children to the schools of Woonsocket at considerable expense to themselves rather than have them transported. What is to be done to relieve this condition is for the townspeople to determine.

A comparison of the lists of teaahers for 1903 and 1904 shows many changes, but I think we are justified in feeling that there has been no dimiuntion of efficiency. The town is now served by an earnest efficient corps, and I wish to thank them for their loyalty and assistance. To you also I wish to tender thanks for your continued manifestations of confidence and good will.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT F. TAYLOR,

Superintendent of Schools.

TEACHERS, DECEMBER 1904.

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	WHERE FITTED.
NORTH.			
Grades 7, 8, 9,	Anna G. Scannell,	Sept. 1904,	Salem Normal
" 5, 6,	Adelaide Flagg,	Sept. 1904,	Belchertown High
" 3, 4,	Frances Hallier,	Sept. 1904,	Newburyport Training
" 1, 2,	Mabel A. Drake,	Sept. 1904,	Framingham Normal
MASSEY.			
Grades 7, 8, 9,	Eleanor A. Greenlaw,	Sept. 1904,	Westbrook Academy
" 4, 5, 6,	Inez S. Howes,	Sept. 1903,	Hyanius Normal
" 1, 2, 3,	Ethel B. Calef,	Sept. 1903,	Salem Normal
SOUTH.			
Grades 4, 5, 6,	Katherine F. Allen,	Mar. 1896,	Woonsocket High
" 1, 2, 3,	Mary A. Billings,	Jan. 1891,	Dean Academy
Drawing.	Ella K. Herrick,	Sept. 1904,	Wellesley College

SCHOOL CALENDAR, SEPT., 1904, TO JUNE, 1905.

Fall Term, 14 Weeks.		Winter Term, 12 Weeks.		Spring Term, 10 Weeks	
Opens, Sept. 12, 1904.	Closes, Dec. 16, 1904.	Opens, Jan. 2, 1905.	Closes, Mar. 24, 1905.	Opens April 10, 1905.	Classes, June 16, 1905.

Holidays: Thanksgiving Day and Friday following, Washington's Birthday, Patriots' Day, Memorial Day.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, SEPT., 1905, TO JUNE, 1906

Fall Term, 14 Weeks.		Winter Term, 12 Weeks.		Spring Term, 10 Weeks.	
Opens, Sept. 11, 1905.	Closes, Dec. 15, 1905.	Opens, Jan. 1, 1906.	Closes Mar. 23, 1906.	Opens Apr. 9, 1906.	Closes June 15, 1906.

Holidays: Thanksgiving Day and Friday following, Washington's Birthday, Patriots' Day, Memorial Day.

SCHOOL REGISTER STATISTICS, SEPTEMBER, 1903, TO JUNE 1904.

SCHOOLS.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent. of Attendance.	Total Enrollment.	Total Days of Absence.	Tardy.	Dismissed.	Truants	Corporal Punishment.	Visits by Superintendent.	Visits by Others.
North Grammar...	18.67	17.85	95.62	22	213.5	33	23	2	0	40	10
North Sub.....	26.38	24.82	93.95	33	281.	36	11	1	2	40	19
North Intermediate	36.11	32.20	91.93	41	515.	48	6	0	0	40	4
North Primary....	31.70	27.60	86.40	40	715.5	113	0	0	0	40	25
Massey Grammar..	17.83	16.80	92.35	20	185.5	5	12	0	0	39	27
Massey Intermi'ate	26.25	25.00	94.00	29	264.0	47	31	0	1	38	26
Massey Primary...	21.43	20.36	94.20	28	557.0	35	10	0	0	32	37
South Grammar...	27.79	26.50	95.35	29	125.5	2	4	0	0	31	26
South Primary...	30.22	28.77	94.94	39	158.0	0	0	0	0	32	61
SUMMARIES	236.38	219.90	93.03	281	3015.0	319	97	3	3	332	235

	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.
Number between five and fifteen	128	126	254
Number between seven and fourteen	105	102	207
Number over fifteen	5	1	6

SCHOOL CENSUS STATISTICS, SEPTEMBER, 1904.

Number between five and fifteen	139	156	295
Number between seven and fourteen	106	119	225

ROLL OF HONOR.

EIGHT TERMS.

Warren E. Whiting, Massey Grammar.

SIX TERMS.

Rudolph Griffin, North Grammar.

FIVE TERMS.

Mildred Whiting, Massry Primary.
Hazel Burr, South Primary.

THREE TERMS.

William Kennedy, William Foley, North Grammar.
Henry Allen, North Intermediate.
Raphael Edwards, North Primary.
Lilla Spencer, Massey Grammar.
Ella Crayton, Massey Intermediate.

WINTER AND SPRING TERMS.

John Allen, Clara Macy, North Intermediate.
Lizzie Sears, Massey Primary.
Albert Bumer, Earl Rhodes, South Primary.

FALL TERM.

Fred Foley, North Grammar.

Abbie Dwyer, Joseph Diggins, William Flannagan, Dennis Murphy, Louise Piekering, Christine Riordan, Edward Smith, North Sub-Grammar.

Carlton Grant, John Kennelly, Harry Metcalf, North Intermediate.

Daniel Dee. John Kennelly, Annie Kennedy, No. Primary.

Robert Hunter, George O'Hara, Martin Rockwood, Elijah Staples, Effie Webber, Massey Grammar.

Edith Rockwood, Everett Rockwood, May Hunter, Edna Trask, Massey Intermediate.

Arthur Rockwood, Massey Primary.

Flossie Whipple, Ruth Wales, Charlotte Staples, Edna Cook, Eva Trottier, Gertrude Estes, Francis Pickering, Harold Freeman, Halsey Staples, South Grammar.

Madeline Kelley, Frances Kelley, Bertha Arnold, Dorothy Staples, Arthur Marchant, Joseph Brothers, South Primary.

WINTER TERM.

Ruel Thayer, Massey Intermediate.

Wellman Graves, Massey Primary.

Lizzie Richard, Alfred Richard, Francis Pickering, South Grammar.

Eddie Lloyd, Eva Richard. Clarence Wales, Arthur Marchant, South Primary.

SPRING TERM.

John Kennedy, North Grammar.

Abbie Dwyer, Mary Hamlin, Louise Pickering, Christine Riordan, Dennis Murphy, Edward Smith, North Sub-Grammar.

Carlos Bigwood, Margaret Desmond, John Lipsett, John Kennelly, Florence Metcalf, Mary O'Connell, No. Intermediate.

Joseph Flannagan, Joseph Lipsett, Mark McMahon, Annie Kennedy, Mary Murphy, Mary Dee, North Primary.

Robert Hunter, Alice Smith, Martin Rockwood, Massey Grammar.

Ernest Thayer, Everett Rockwood, May Hunter, Jessie Migneault, Annie Munroe, Ada Rockwood, Etta Haynes, Massey Intermediate.

Arthur Rockwood, Lester Hodgkins, George Nelson, Ruth Haskard, Bertha Hodgkins, Madge Crayton, Harold Webber, Rachel Nelson, Massey Primary.

Harold Freeman, Merton Lyman, John Tunney, Halsie Staples, Edna Cook, Ruth Wales, Flossie Bernier, Mildred Lyman, Charlotte Staples, South Primary.

Madeline Keeley, Charlie Harpner, Bertha Arnold, Austin Cook, Mary Fare, Dorothy Staples, Arthur Bernier, Eva Brothers, Joseph Brothers.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The Auditor has been over the accounts of the several Boards of the Town of Bellingham. He has compared orders with the original bills so far as he could find them. He has in every case seen some kind of a voucher for the orders drawn upon the town. The accounts and bills as presented to him were in better shape for examination than last year but leave some chance for improvement for future Boards.

As the result of my work with these bills and statements I find them to be "properly vouched and correctly cast."

NATHAN W. SANBORN,

Town Auditor.

Bellingham, Mass., February 21, 1905.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Norfolk, *ss*.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Bellingham, on the 6th day of March, A. D. 1905, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To bring their votes on one ballot for the following Town Officers: Town Clerk for 1 year, Town Treasurer for 1 year, 3 Selectmen for 1 year, 1 Overseer of Poor for 3 years, 1 Road Commissioner for 3 years, 3 Assessors of Taxes for 1 year, Auditor for 1 year, Collector of Taxes for 1 year, 1 School Committee for 3 years, 4 Constables for 1 year, 2 Library Trustees for 3 years, 1 Cemetery Committee for 3 years, 3 Fence Viewers for 1 year, 1 Tree Warden for 1 year; also on the same ballot to answer the following question: "Shall license for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this town?" "Yes" or "No." Polls to be opened at 10 o'clock A. M. and may be closed at 2 o'clock p. m.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers.

ARTICLE 4. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following purposes: 1st, support of schools, including books, supplies, incidentals, transportation of scholars, and salary of Superintendent of Schools; 2d, highways and bridges, railings and guide boards; 3rd, sup-

port of poor; 4th, repair of Town buildings; 5th, incidental items; 6th, printing; 7th, interest on Town debt; 8th, to pay Town debt; 9th, pay of Town officers; 10th, repairs in the cemeteries; 11th, Decoration day; 12th, public library; 13th, indigent soldiers' aid; 14th, care of tramps; 15th, use of tree warden; 16th, emergency fund; 17th, board of health

ARTICLE 5. To hear the report of the committee appointed to investigate town officers' salaries or act or do anything thereon.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will give the Selectmen authority to contract with the State Highway Commission as required under provision of Section 10, Chapter 49 of the Revised Laws or act or do anything thereon.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will assume damages if any which may result from the construction of State Highway, commencing at westerly end of the present State highway as laid out and extending to Bellingham Village.

ARTICLE 8. To see when the several sums of money voted to be raised shall be collected and paid into the treasury.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will authorize its collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a Treasurer has when appointed Collector and establish the Collector's salary.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will allow any bill that may be presented.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will accept the list of Juors as revised by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to change the South School House, raise and appropriate money therefor, or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to finish sidewalk on Hartford avenue between Pearl street and Maple street to the North Bellingham depot, and raise and appropiate money for the same, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote whereby they voted to choose Highway Commissioners, Section 341 Chapter 11 of Revised Laws, or act or do anything thereon.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any money to erect markers for the Revolutionary Soldiers buried in this town.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public places designated by vote of said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said Town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bellingham this twentieth day of February, A. D. 1905.

CARROLL E. WHITE,
MICHAEL F. RYAN,
ALANSON FREEMAN,
} Selectmen of Bellingham.

ATTEST: WALTER H. THAYER,
Constable of Bellingham.